

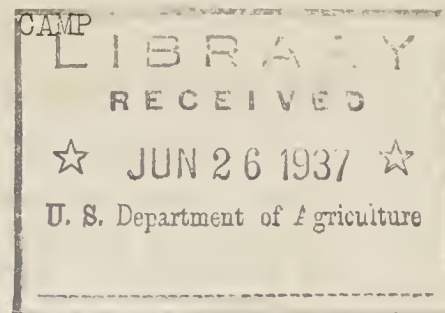
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DELEGATES TO THE ELEVENTH NATIONAL 4-H CLUB CAMP

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<u>Delegate</u>	<u>County</u>
Alice E. Anderson	New Castle
Lester E. Cannon	Sussex
Irene K. Isaacs	Sussex
Karl E. Vogel	Kent

Miss Anderson writes:

"In 1930 I joined the Marshallton 4-H Club.

"In my first year of sewing I patched, darned, made a dress, and embroidered a towel.

"In the year 1931 I made a sewing bag, undergarments, and a dress, winning fourth prize on my dress. As this was the first prize that I had ever won, I was a very happy girl. I decided then that I would try and do better.

"In 1932 I tried to win a prize; but even though I completed my work which consisted of a 4-H pillow, slip, dress, and undergarments I did not win a prize but something else much better--a trip to Short Course which I had hoped some day of getting.

"A new project was taught in 1933. I entered the canning project, and also completed my dress, slip, and undergarments. I won two first prizes in my canning at Kent-Sussex County Fair and also went to Short Course.

"From this time on it seemed as though I was better in canning than sewing because in 1934 I won two second prizes in my canning and fifth prize on my dress. I also crocheted a hat, knitted a sweater, and made a complete outfit for the style revue at Harrington Fair. Again I had the honor to attend Short Course. I also won two second prizes in canning and third prize in my sewing.

"I completed my outfit in 1935 along with canning and took two more second prizes.

"The next year, 1936, as vice president of my club, I helped as a leader. I canned, winning two second prizes.

"Last year, 1937, I was president of my club and secretary-treasurer of the New Castle County Links."

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Mr. Cannon writes:

"Nearly six years ago I began 4-H club work as a greenhorn. Since then I have had several experiences both good and bad. When I began carrying a project (in the midst of our economic crises) I could see little or no value in club work, but eventually light began to dawn upon its purpose.

"My first club project was 1 acre of corn. Not realizing the importance of good seed, I planted common seed and applied only relatively crude cultivation practices or methods. In my second year a second project was added. About this time I took more interest in 4-H club work; as a result, more thought was given to various items which had been previously neglected. The next year's project was the keeping of a farm-account record, a complete record of our farm business. In my opinion, too much cannot be said regarding the value of such a contest. The value of a good complete record such as this cannot be measured in dollars and cents, but the value, particularly as a training, is great. In this contest I was fortunate to win the Eastern Sectional Championship prize. My place among other regional contestants was second, as I was defeated by a Nebraska boy. This contest was followed by two more consecutive years' effort to win the grand-championship prize."

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Miss Isaacs writes:

"Ten years ago my Mother was hearing what other children were doing in 4-H work and wanted me to learn something about it. She got in touch with Miss Moore, the county leader, and they tried to organize a club in the school which I attended, that being the place where new things usually started. But my teacher being a man, was not interested in teaching girls to sew, etc. However that school closed and I went to another rural school. Miss Moore already had a club in that school so I continued on. I kept egg records and exhibited eggs and chickens at different times, once winning first prize on eggs and second on a pullet. We met at different homes during vacation and canned fruits and vegetables and made jelly. In recent years we have been canning tomato juice, and canning mixed vegetables and selling them. Last year it required twice as many days to do the canning as before. The girls made tomato juice for home use after we had made it in club, and mothers of club members canned juices and mixed vegetables too. I entered two style shows at the Kent-Sussex Fair. To make these entries I had to do quite a bit of extra work. Even though I did not win a prize, the garments gave me wonderful service.

"As for cooking, I have had a wonderful chance to put my knowledge into practice. My mother has not had the best of health and the responsibility of serving the meals and caring for my father and younger sister has been mine quite a number of times and for weeks at a time.

"Last year at the Kent-Sussex Fair I received second prize for rolls and second prize for a canned balanced meal. I heard quite a few complimentary remarks about my canned fried chicken.

"I have been president of my 4-H club once and try to cooperate with the others in all the club undertakings."

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Mr. Vogel writes:

"I started club work in 1934 when I was 16.

"I lived on a 75-acre farm and had from two to six cows at all times. My first and second projects were potatoes. I got a good stand and a better-than-average crop each year, the first year the market was poor because of the great quantity of potatoes, and the second year drought made the potatoes very small but the tops were of average size. A neighbor planted 7 baskets that year and dug up seven in the fall. I used certified Maine potatoes for seed and the extra cost was well overbalanced by the receipts.

"Last May (1936) we moved. The project I wrote last year best explains what I did then. The lawn was a forest of maple trees about 2 inches high instead of grass, and several clumps of privet hedge had been allowed to grow until it was 15 feet high. In a few days I had mowed and raked the lawn, which soon grew up into crabgrass. Next I cut down and grubbed out the hedge which was mostly in the garden and spaded it ready for planting. Across the front of the yard is a hedge separating the walk from the lawn, this I trimmed and thickened by using the hedge which was removed to make a driveway. I filled the holes in the lawn with dirt. Then I applied a bag of bonemeal and some grass seed to the sparse places. I made flower beds around the house and fence, and transplanted the stray flowers already in the yard. The garden was planted with a few tomatoes, beans, peppers, and cabbage and the rest in dahlias. I kept the crabgrass cut and restricted but well watered so the lawn was green all summer.

"I built a cupboard in the garage for the garden tools and we have nothing standing or left lying about in the yard. This spring I did more transplanting of flowers and reseeded the lawn with 5 pounds of seed. The new grass is coming up, and already the lawn looks better. I put some tall cannas and hollyhocks along the garage which will act as a screen. Some green bushes that were in front of the house were transplanted to a back corner, and we planted three evergreens."

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